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## CIA Denies Lockheed Payoff Ties

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The Central Intelligence Agency told Senate investigators yesterday the agency never has been involved in alleged bribes paid by the Lockheed Aircraft Co. to government officials in Japan.

The CIA also said it was not aware of the alleged payoffs made by Lockheed through Yoshio Kodama, a mysterious Japanese influence peddler who for years was Lockheed's sales agent in Japan.

"The CIA also told us it did not utilize Deak & Co. (an international foreign exchange company) to transmit funds to Japanese officials and parties," the Senate Intelligence Committee said in a statement.

Both the CIA and Lockheed are known to have used Deake and Co.'s services at various periods. Published news accounts have suggested a possible link between the alleged \$2 million in Lockheed payoffs to Japanese government officials and the CIA's activities.

The intelligence committee gave no further details of the CIA's response to its questions about the situation.

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